

automatically forwarding the new travel reservation to a travel agency for post reservation processing.

137. (Amended) The method of claim 134, further comprising the step of:

populating at least one field of an expense report with information obtained during the step of determining whether at least one component of the new travel reservation complies with predetermined policies governing travel associated with an entity.--

REMARKS

In reply to the Office Action dated July 11, 2002, Applicants have renumbered claims 117-135 as claims 119-137. Claims 99-114 and 119-165 remain pending, and are allowable for the reasons set forth in the Amendment dated April 15, 2002.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner requested that Applicants renumber certain claims. As stated on page 7 of the Amendment dated April 15, 2002, Applicants added new claims 94-118 in the Supplemental Amendment dated January 5, 2001. In the Amendment dated October 30, 2001, however, Applicants incorrectly added new claims 117-135. Since claims 117 and 118 were already pending at the time the Amendment was filed, Applicants believed that new claims 117-135 were renumbered as claims 119-137, respectively. As required, Applicants have included a marked-up version of the renumbered claims in the attached Appendix A.

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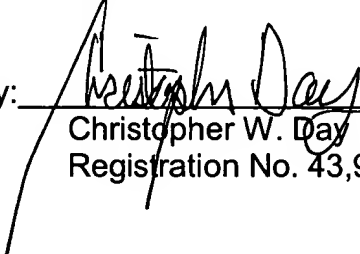
Should it be necessary to resolve any additional concerns to expedite the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is invited contact Applicants' representative at (202) 408-6052.

Please grant any extension of time to the extent required to enter this response and charge any fees required to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A - Marked Up Version of Amend d Claims

--[117] 119. (Amended) The method of claim 99, wherein the step of prompting a user to indicate at least one new travel date includes receiving information reflecting at least one of a month, day, and year.

[118] 120. (Amended) The method of claim 99, wherein the step of transmitting includes the substep of prompting the particular traveler to authorize creation of a new travel reservation associated with the trip request and scheduled based on the provided travel date.

[119] 121. (Amended) The method of claim [120] 118, wherein the step of transmitting further comprises the step of providing the particular traveler with an opportunity to cancel the new travel reservation within a predetermined period of time.

[120] 122. (Amended) The method of claim [121] 119, wherein the step of transmitting further comprises the step of prompting the particular traveler to authorize automatic forwarding of the new travel reservation to a travel agency for post-reservation processing.

[121] 123. (Amended) The method of claim 99, wherein the step of transmitting further comprises the substeps of:

prompting the particular traveler to authorize creation of a new travel

reservation associated with the trip request and scheduled based on the indicated travel date;

automatically creating the new travel reservation in response to the particular traveler's authorization;

providing the particular traveler with an opportunity to cancel the new travel reservation within a predetermined period of time following creation of the new travel reservation; and

prompting the particular traveler to authorize automatic forwarding of at least information reflecting the new travel reservation to a travel agency for post-reservation processing.

[122] 124. (Amended) The method of claim [123] 121, further comprising the step of automatically creating a new travel reservation that complies with one or more predetermined policies governing travel associated with an entity.

[123] 125. (Amended) The method of claim [124] 122, wherein the one or more predetermined policies indicate restrictions on travel reservations based on a profile of the particular traveler within the entity.

[124] 126. (Amended) The method of claim [124] 122, wherein the component of the new travel reservation is selected from the group comprising a transportation component, a lodging component, a car rental component, a food component, and an entertainment component.

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- [125] 127. (Amended) The method of claim [124] 122, further comprising the step of canceling a new travel reservation that does not comply with the one or more predetermined policies governing travel associated with the entity.
- [126] 128. (Amended) The method of claim [124] 122, further comprising the step of:
 populating at least one field of an expense report with information obtained during the step of determining whether at least one component of the new travel reservation complies with predetermined policies governing travel associated with an entity.
- [127] 129. (Amended) The method of claim 99, further comprising the step of automatically determining whether a least one component of the new travel reservation complies with one or more predetermined policies governing travel associated with an entity.
- [128] 130. (Amended) The method of claim [129] 127, wherein the one or more predetermined policies include restrictions on travel reservations based on a profile of the particular traveler within the entity.
- [129] 131. (Amended) The method of claim [129] 127, further comprising the step of canceling any new travel reservation that does not comply with the one or more predetermined policies governing travel associated with the entity.

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[130] 132. (Amended) The method of claim [129] 127, further comprising the step of:
populating at least one field of an expense report with information
obtained during the step of determining whether at least one
component of the new travel reservation complies with predetermined
policies governing travel associated with an entity.

[131] 133. (Amended) The method of claim 99, wherein the step of transmitting
comprises automatically forwarding the new travel reservation to a travel
agency for post reservation processing.

[132] 134. (Amended) The method of claim [133] 131, further comprising the step of
automatically determining whether at least one component of the new
travel reservation complies with one or more predetermined policies
governing travel associated with an entity.

[133] 135. (Amended) The method of claim [134] 132, wherein the one or more
predetermined policies include restrictions on travel reservations based on
a profile of the particular traveler within the entity.

[134] 136. (Amended) The method of claim [134] 132, further comprising the step of
canceling a new travel reservation that does not comply with the one or
more predetermined policies governing travel associated with the entity

before the step of automatically forwarding the new travel reservation to a travel agency for post reservation processing.

[135] 137. (Amended) The method of claim [134] 132, further comprising the step of: populating at least one field of an expense report with information obtained during the step of determining whether at least one component of the new travel reservation complies with predetermined policies governing travel associated with an entity.--

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